Rs. 173.49 crores were sanctioned. Activity-wise and year-wise details are indicated in the Annexure-II. (See Appendix CLXV. Annexure No. 64)

(b) A total of 525 projects involving an assistance of Rs. 74.85 crores including 14 projects from Maharashtra involving an assistance of Rs. 5.74 crores have been sanctioned by the Corporation so far during the current financial year. 266 projects involving a block cost of Rs. 294.54 crores including 84 proposals/ projects involving block cost of Rs. 131.12 crores received from the Maharashtra State are pending with the Corporation and are at various stages of examination.

(d) The details of various schemes being implemented by the NCDC throughout the country are indicated in Annexure-III. [See Appendix CLXV, Annexure No. 65]

**Construction of Rural Godowns**

3806. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank assistance has been provided to a number of State Governments for construction of rural godowns;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme under implementation in various States through the national Cooperative Development Corporation, State-wise; and

(c) the details of such schemes included in operation in various States during the Eighth Five Year Plan in general and for Maharashtra in particular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The National Cooperative Development Corporation has implemented a storage programme with financial assistance from the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank under NCDC-III Project which lasted from July, 1984 to June, 1992. At present, no scheme is under implementation with World Bank assistance nor the National Cooperative Development Corporation has any such scheme for the remaining period of the Eighth Five year Plan, for any State including Maharashtra.

**Subsidies to farmers**

3807. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the subsidies extended to Indian farmers including those for fixation of support prices of their produce in comparison to the subsidies extended to farmers in the USA and other developed countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): The estimates of producer subsidy equivalent (net of input subsidies and output taxes) as percentage of value of agricultural production, as worked out by Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) for 1990 and that in an article published in Economic and Political Weekly (EPW), September 26, 1992, for 1982-87, are as under:-

| Country | Producer subsidy equivalent as percentage of value of agricultural production | |
|---|---|---|
| | *OECD* | *EPW* |
| Japan | 68 | 72.5 |
| EC | 48 | 37.0 |
| USA | 30 | 26.2 |
| Canada | 41 | 33.5 |
| Australia | 11 | 10.3 |
| India | — | −2.3 |